

# Description of Sample and Data Collection

I. Country: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, CHINA

II. Type of Election (e.g. presidential; parliamentary; legislative): Legislative

III. Date of Election: 10 September 2000

IV. Organization that Conducted the Survey Field Work:  
Lingnan University

V. Investigators Responsible for Data Collection

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VI. Study Design (check one)

Post-Election Study

Pre-/Post-Election Panel Study

VII. Dates of Interviewing

Date Post-Election Interviewing Began: 17/09/2000

Date Post-Election Interviewing Ended: 31/01/2001

(If Panel Study)

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Began: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Pre-Election Interviewing Ended: \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. Mode of interview (check one)

- In person, face-to-face  
 Telephone  
 Mail or self-completion supplement

IX. Sample Design and Sampling Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

- a) age: 18 or above  
b) citizenship: Yes  No   
c) other: Registered electors

2. Persons Excluded From the Sample Frame

- a) Were any regions of the country excluded from the sample frame?  
Yes  No  If yes, explain:
- b) Were institutionalized persons excluded from the sample?  
Yes  No
- c) Were military personnel excluded from the sample?  
Yes  No
- d) (If telephone interview) Estimated percentage of households without a phone: \_\_\_%
- e) (If telephone interview) Were unlisted telephone numbers included in the population sampled? Yes  No
- f) Other persons excluded from the sample frame:  
No
- g) Estimated total (a+b+c+d+e+f) percentage of the eligible population excluded from the sample frame: 0 %

3.1 Sampling Method (if Face-to-Face)

- a) Describe how the primary sampling units were selected:  
Based on the final registers of electors of 1998, the Registration and Electoral Office helped select randomly 8,000 registered electors in proportion to size by consistency.

Were the primary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes  No

b) Was there a second stage selection? Yes  No

c) Describe the method by which the second stage sampling units were selected:

Were the secondary sampling units randomly selected?

Yes  No

d) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes  No

If no, describe: We sampled the registered electors

e) Under what circumstances was a sample line designated non-sample? (Check all that apply)

All members of household are ineligible

Housing unit is vacant

No answer at housing unit

Other, explain: 1. Selected electors were passed away;  
2. The addresses provided by the Registration and Electoral Office were invalid.

f) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes  No

If yes describe:

### 3.2 Sampling Method (if telephone)

a) Describe how the sample was drawn

b) Was the sample

a random digit dial sample? Yes  No

listed sample? Yes  No

dual frame? Yes  No

(if dual frame) % list frame: \_\_\_; % random-digit dial: \_\_\_

c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes  No  If no, describe:

d) Criteria for designating a sample line non-sample. (Check all that apply)

All members of household ineligible

- Non-residential phone
- No answer (if so), after how many calls to number?
- Non-working number
- Other, explain:

- e) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes  No   
 If yes describe:

3.3 Sampling Method (if mail / self completion)

- a) Describe how the sample was drawn
- b) Was the sample a listed sample? Yes  No
- c) Was a selection table used to select the respondent within the household? Yes  No  If no, describe:
- d) Criteria for designating a sample line non-sample. (Check all that apply)
- All members of household ineligible
  - Housing unit is vacant
  - Other, explain:
- e) Were non-sample replacement methods used? Yes  No   
 If yes describe:

4. Compliance

- a) Pre-Study Strategies: Prior to the study was
- a letter sent to respondent? Yes  No
  - payment sent to respondent? Yes  No
  - a token gift sent to respondent? Yes  No
  - any other incentives used? Yes  No
- If yes, describe:
- b) During the Field Period
- Maximum number of contacts with the household before declaring it non-sample: 3
- Maximum number of contacts with the household before declaring

it non-interview: 3

Maximum number of days over which a household was contacted: 60

Did interviewers vary the time of day at which they recontacted the household? Yes  No

c) Refusal Conversion

Was an effort made to persuade respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed? Yes  No  If No (go to Section X)

Were respondents who were reluctant to be interviewed sent a letter persuading them to take part? Yes  No

Was payment offered to respondents who were reluctant to take part? Yes  No

Were respondents who were reluctant to take part turned over to a more experienced interviewer? Yes  No

Maximum number of re-contacts used to persuade respondent to be interviewed: 1

Other methods used to persuade respondents reluctant to be interviewed to take part: Stress the importance of the study

X. Response Rate (to first wave if a panel study)

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|--|--------------|
| a) Total number of sample lines issued:  | <u>2,500</u> |
| b) Total number of completed interviews: | <u>674</u>   |
| c) Number of refusals:                   | <u>320</u>   |
| d) Number never contacted (nocontact):   | <u>507</u>   |
| e) Other non-response:                   | <u>0</u>     |
| f) Number of lines of non-sample:        | <u>999</u>   |
| g) Response Rate: $(b/(a-f))*100$ :      | <u>44.9%</u> |

XI. Panel Attrition (Complete only if CSES questionnaire is administered as part of a 2-wave panel study)

- a) Total number of respondents in wave I of the study: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Number of wave I respondents re-interviewed in wave containing CSES Module: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Percent panel attrition  $((a-b)/a)*100$ : \_\_\_\_\_

d) Panel attrition by age: \_\_\_\_\_

Age % Reinterviewed

18-25 \_\_\_\_\_ %

26-40 \_\_\_\_\_ %

41-65 \_\_\_\_\_ %

65 & over \_\_\_\_\_ %

e) Panel attrition by education:

Education % Reinterviewed

None \_\_\_\_\_ %

Incomplete primary \_\_\_\_\_ %

Primary completed \_\_\_\_\_ %

Incomplete secondary \_\_\_\_\_ %

Secondary completed \_\_\_\_\_ %

University incomplete \_\_\_\_\_ %

University degree \_\_\_\_\_ %

## XII. Sample Weight

a) Are the data weighted? Yes \_\_\_ No  If yes:

b) Are the data weighted to compensate for disproportionate probability of selection at the person or household level? Yes \_\_\_ No

c) Are the data weighted to match known demographic characteristics of the population? Yes \_\_\_ No

d) Are the data weighted to correct for non-response? Yes \_\_\_ No

## XIII. Description of interviewers (age, level of education, and years of experience):

Interviewers were university students and were about 20 years old. Most, if not all, of them have been working in Research and Survey Programme for 1 to 2 years and have already equipped with practical skills in telephone and face-to-face interviews.

Description of interviewer training:

Before serving the Research and Survey Programme, student interviewers are required to attend a half-day training workshop. The aim of this workshop is to train their interviewing skills and the use of CATI system. Before the fieldwork begins, a half-day briefing session was held to familiarize student interviewers with the questionnaire and the related procedure.

#### XIV. Comparison of Sample to Population

| Characteristic                                      | Population Estimates | Sample Estimates |          |
|---|----------------------|------------------|----------|
|   |                      | Unweighted       | Weighted |
| <b>Age</b>  |                      |                  |          |
| 18-25   | <u>11.11%</u>        | <u>12.83%</u>    | __%      |
| 26-40   | <u>31.50%</u>        | <u>34.78%</u>    | __%      |
| 41-64   | <u>43.12%</u>        | <u>41.89%</u>    | __%      |
| 65 and over   | <u>14.27%</u>        | <u>10.51%</u>    | __%      |
| <b>Education</b>                                    |                      |                  |          |
| None  | * __%                | <u>6.30%</u>     | __%      |
| Incomplete primary                                  | * __%                | <u>11.09%</u>    | __%      |
| Primary completed                                   | * __%                | <u>13.80%</u>    | __%      |
| Incomplete secondary                                | * __%                | <u>14.24%</u>    | __%      |
| Secondary completed                                 | * __%                | <u>39.28%</u>    | __%      |
| Post-secondary trade /<br>vocational school         | * __%                | <u>6.15%</u>     | __%      |
| Incomplete university                               | * __%                | <u>0.00%</u>     | __%      |
| University degree                                   | * __%                | <u>9.15%</u>     | __%      |
| (* No official record on electors' education level) |                      |                  |          |
| <b>Gender</b>                                       |                      |                  |          |
| Male  | <u>51.65%</u>        | <u>46.86%</u>    | __%      |
| Female  | <u>48.35%</u>        | <u>53.14%</u>    | __%      |

#### XV. Languages used in the interviews. Cantonese & English